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SUBJ: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO HOST GOVERNMENTS--THE GAMBIA

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1. SUMMARY - BRITISH AND US MISSIONS IN BANJUL HAVE BRIEFED GOVERNMENT OF THE GAMBIA (GOTG) AT HIGHEST LEVEL ON US/UK RHODESIA PROPOSALS. IN HIS FORTHCOMING ADDRESS TO UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, GAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILL URGE INVOLVED PARTIES TO "GIVE PROPOSALS A TRY." END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONCERTED DEMARCHE DURING PAST WEEK, ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND ACTING CHARGE SUCCESSIVELY BRIEFED GAMBIAN PRESIDENT JAWARA AND GOTG SECRETARY GENERAL ERIC CHRISTENSEN ON ANGLO-AMERICAN RHODESIA SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS. GAMBIA TOOK INITIATIVE IN CONVOKING BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE FOR LAST-MINUTE BRIEFING OF PRESIDENT PRIOR TO LATTER'S SEPT 8 DEPARTURE FOR EUROPEAN VACATION. JOINT NATURE OF US/UK APPROACH TO GOTG WAS MADE AMPLY CLEAR IN MEETINGS.

3. AS UK HIGH COMMISSION HAD RECEIVED NO TEXTS BEYOND
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OWEN LAW AND ORDER STATEMENT, EMBASSY HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO GOTG AND BRITISH COMPLETE TEXTS OF SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL AND ANNEXES CONTAINED IN DEPARTMENT CABLES. BRITISH ARE ARRANGING TO DELIVER PERSONAL COPY OF WHITE PAPER DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT JAWARA IN UK AT JAWARA'S REQUEST.

4. JAWARA SAID HE WAS NATURALLY CONCERNED WITH RHODESIA

SITUATION AND WAS VERY INTERESTED IN PROPOSALS. HE AGREED THIS WAS POSSIBLY LAST CHANCE FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PROPOSALS WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY ALL PARTIES.

5. ACTING CHARWE DREW ON REFTEL TALKING POINTS TO BRIEF SECRETARY GENERAL ON PROPOSAL'S KEY ELEMENTS. SECRETARY GENERAL SAID GOTG TOOK ENCOURAGEMENT THAT IAN SMITH HAD NOT REJECTED PLAN OUTRIGHT. HE SAID THAT GAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JABANG, IN HIS ADDRESS BEFORE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WILL EXPLICITLY CALL ON ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO "GIVE PROPOSALS A TRY."

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